

Record Series #: 5100-027
Name: Savannah Fire and Emergency Services Bureau Records,
Visual Materials-Photographs
Dates: circa 1880s-1998, no date
Extent/Size: 35 items (2.1 cubic feet)

Scope and Content:

Series 5100-027, Savannah Fire and Emergency Services Bureau Records, Visual Materials-Photographs (circa 1880s-circa 1998, no date), includes color and black and white photographs as well as photocopies. The items in this series include images of stations, training events and aerial photographs. Some of the photographs were taken by members of the Savannah Fire and Emergency Services Bureau. However, many of the older photographs were given to, or collected by, the Fire Department over the years.

System of Arrangement and Ordering:

This series has been arranged in eight sub-series by subject:

- Sub-Series 1 Aerial Photographs
- Sub-Series 2 Equipment (vehicles, alarm paraphernalia, apparatus, etc.)
- Sub-Series 3 Fires/Rescues (actual fires, damage done by fire, firefighters on the scene, rescues, etc.)
- Sub-Series 4 Personnel (companies, battalions, department, classes, individuals, etc.)
- Sub-Series 5 Public Service (public fire safety education and demonstrations, tours of fire stations by various civic groups, public lectures etc.)
- Sub-Series 6 Special Events (awards and retirement ceremonies, parades, festivals and fairs, etc.)
- Sub-Series 7 Stations (views of stations)
- Sub-Series 8 Training (firefighter training exercises, drills, etc.)

Key:

1. Building/Project Name
2. Function/Type
3. Date(s)
4. Attribution
5. Number of sheets
6. Medium
7. Manuscript or Copy

Inventory:

Sub-Series 1, Aerial Photographs (oversized)

- Item 5100-027-01
1. Chatham County
“Aerial Photos, Chatham County, 1990”
 2. Aerial photos of Chatham County, northwest portion only
 3. March 1990
 4. Unidentified
 5. Index sheet and 50 detail sheets (index sheet indicates that 127 detail sheets illustrate the entire county, however, only sheets 1-50 present)
 6. Computer print-outs
 7. Copy

Box 5100-027-02

Sub-Series 1, Aerial Photographs

Folder 1 [0 items]

There are currently no standard-sized aerial photographs; the “Folder 1” designation is a merely a place-holder for future photos.

Sub-Series 2, Equipment

Folder 2 [4 items]

Item 1-2 Factory photos of 1958 Seagrave truck (2 print-outs, 1958)

Item 3 Photo of 1958 Seagrave truck in current condition at Roundhouse (1 print-out, circa 2006) (includes email message originally sent with the above images)

Item 4 Gamewell Company fire alarm box (1 print-out, no date)

Sub-Series 3, Fires/Rescues

Folder 3 [0 items]

There are currently no photographs of fires/rescues; the “Folder 3” designation is a merely a place-holder for future photos.

Sub-Series 4, Personnel

Folder 4 [8 items]

Item 1 Photocopy of group photograph of the Washington Hose Company (circa 1880s-1890s) (taken from 1985 Souvenir Program of the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs)

Item 2 Photocopies of page with photograph of Chief of the Savannah Fire Department, John Monroe (taken from 1933 *Official Fire Rules, Regulations, Information, Advice, History Book for Savannah*)

Item 3 Photocopies of page with photographs of Assistant Fire Chiefs A. John Toshach, T.J. Fogarty, and George E. Johnson (taken from 1933 *Official Fire Rules, Regulations, Information, Advice, History Book for Savannah*)

Item 4 Photocopies of page with photograph of Savannah Firemen’s Band (taken from 1933 *Official Fire Rules, Regulations, Information, Advice, History Book for Savannah*)

Item 5 Chief Walter S. Blanton standing by Engine Company #6 truck, the “Harry B. Grimshaw,” in front of Station #3 (photograph, no date)

Item 6 Savannah Fire Department, 1990 composite photograph

Item 7 Savannah Fire Department, 1998 composite photograph

Item 8 Class of 01-1001-03 composite photograph (no absolute date—it may be

coded in the class #)

Sub-Series 5, Public Service

Folder 5 [7 items]

- Items 1-5 Rescue demonstration at City Hall, sponsored by Savannah Jaycees (5 photographs, Fire Prevention Week, October circa 1953)
- Two men identified: F.W. Austin and Jack Heidt
 - (Additional information may be found in 5100D-002, Savannah Fire and Emergency Services Collection-Louis F. Wilson, Jr.)
- Item 6 Junior high/high school aged students at fire station (circa 1960)
- One man identified: J. Lonnie Evans
- Item 7 "Stop, Drop, and Roll" clowns (photocopy, circa 1997-1998)
- Left to right: Frank Cook, non-Fire Department local pastor, Jerry Hillis

Sub-Series 6, Special Events

Folder 6 [0 items]

There are currently no photographs of special events; the "Folder 6" designation is a merely a place-holder for future photos.

Sub-Series 7, Stations

Folder 7 [2 items]

- Item 1 Group of firemen at old Station #5, Henry Street, mechanized trucks decked out with antlers and decorations (1 original photo and 1 print-out, no date)
- Original photo has tear and has been taped on back but otherwise in good condition.
 - Email message originally sent with the above image
- Item 2 Photocopy of old Station #5, horse-drawn engine with 2 firefighters in front of station, façade reads "Chemical Eng. Co. No. 2" and "Fire Engine Co. No. 5"
- To verify that the above photo is Station #5 and not Station #1, the 1985 Souvenir Program of the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs was consulted.

Sub-Series 8, Training

Folder 8 [8 items]

Items 1-8 Savannah Fire Department training at training facility, gasoline in ground (8 color photographs, taken by W. Jerry Hillis, Fire Training Chief, March 1984)

Folder 9 [5 items]

- Items 1-5 Portrait-style photographs of fire fighters at a training event in the Alaska Street area (5 black/white photos taken by Jonas Jordan, circa 1980s)
- Note:* Jonas Jordan—US Army Corps of Engineers photographer. Jordan has worked for the Corps since circa 1978 (21 years in 1999) and works in the Savannah District Public Affairs Office. An award-winning photographer, he "takes portraits of district employees and is responsible for press photos and documentation of corps construction projects" (*Savannah Morning News* web posted 18 February 1999).
1. Unidentified firefighter (possibly Jeff Croslen) at the ready [helmet # ?42]
 2. Profile of unidentified firefighter spraying water

3. Three unidentified firefighters carrying hose and going into house [helmet #'s include 64?, 694]
4. Unidentified firefighter (possibly Jeff Croslen), in full gear including mask [helmet #642]
5. Firefighter Jeff Croslen rinsing or cooling off under water spray

Record Series #: 5100-027 Addenda
Name: Savannah Fire and Emergency Services Bureau Records,
Visual Materials—Photographs
Dates: circa 1980s-1990s, no date
Extent/Size: 14 photographs, 2 slide trays (1.1 cubic feet)

Scope and Content:

Record Series 5100-027 Addenda, Savannah Fire and Emergency Services Bureau Records, Visual Materials—Photographs (circa 1980s-1990s, no date), are photographs of artifacts relating to the Savannah Fire Department. There is one photograph of an old Savannah Fire Department badge and there are photographs of a nickel-plated speaking trumpet. The badge is privately owned. SFES owns and maintains the speaking trumpet.

The badge was found in a river and the owner wrote to the fire department hoping to obtain more information about it. This letter and notes from the department are included in the folder with the photograph. The speaking trumpet is an example of early communication equipment. The trumpet served as a megahorn, used by chiefs to give instructions at the scene of a fire. These trumpets could also be ceremonial, an indicator of rank, or given as a trophy. No other information is known about either the badge or the trumpet.

A Savannah Fire Department badge and additional images of Savannah Fire Department badges can be found in Record Series 5100-070, Artifacts.

Inventory:

Box 5100-027-3 [housed in Box 5100-000-1]

Artifact Photographs, circa 1980s-1990s, no date

Folder 1 Artifact Photographs—Badges [1 color photograph, 1 letter], photograph of Savannah Fire Department badge #140, accompanying letter and notes (no date)
Folder 2 Artifact Photographs—Speaking Trumpet [13 color photographs] (no date, circa 1980s-1990s)

Negatives

Note: Negative folder numbers (N#) correspond with folder numbers for the printed photographs above. There are not negative folders for each photograph folder, only ones for which negatives exist.

Folder N2 Artifact Photographs—Speaking Trumpet [13 color negatives] (no date, circa 1980s-1990s)

Box 5100-027-4

Photographic Slides

Slide Tray 1 Career Day at Groves High School, April 22, 1999
Slide Tray 2 Community Events and Equipment, no date